

AMENDED MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL

July 26, 2016

**Adopt the following changes to Agenda Item No. 25-C:**

On February 9, 2016 the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a groundbreaking set of 47 strategies commonly referred to as the “Homeless Initiative.” The County’s commitment to community input and collaboration deeply guided the creation of the strategies. The Board also committed \$100 million in one-time funding on top of \$50 million in existing funding to implement the 47 strategies.

Immediately after, the Board began exploring options to increase revenues dedicated specifically to address the homeless crisis. After numerous failed efforts to gain support in Sacramento, the Board considered placing either a \$.03 parcel tax, a sales tax, a special tax on marijuana or a general tax on marijuana on the November ballot.

On July 12, 2016, the Board voted to place a special tax on gross receipts from marijuana businesses on the November 2016 ballot.

The Board shares a deep commitment to finding solutions, including a revenue source to continue and sustain the Homeless Initiative. However, since voting to place

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the business tax on the ballot, several homeless service organizations and advocacy groups have expressed ambivalence with this source of funding. Since no ballot measure succeeds without a united effort, the Board has listened closely to this expression of public concern.

The November ballot also contains seventeen state propositions and multiple local initiatives, which could jeopardize this important measure.

The County remains committed to identifying revenue sources that will allow us to continue and sustain the County's Homeless Initiative in the years to come.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached Resolution rescinding and withdrawing its July 12, 2016 Resolution calling and ordering the action taken on July 12, 2016 to place special tax election for the Homelessness Response Measure; thereby cancelling the special tax election originally called for November 8, 2016 the Homeless Revenue Measure on the November ballot be rescinded and that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and County Counsel to take all actions necessary to stop this measure from being placed on the November ballot.

S: MR/Ballot Initiative Amended

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RESCINDING AND  
WITHDRAWING ITS JULY 12, 2016 RESOLUTION  
CALLING AND ORDERING A SPECIAL TAX ELECTION TO  
BE HELD IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ON  
NOVEMBER 8, 2016; THEREBY CANCELLING THE  
SPECIAL TAX ELECTION

**WHEREAS**, on February 9, 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ("Board") approved a groundbreaking set of 47 strategies commonly referred to as the "Homeless Initiative;" and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Los Angeles' ("County") commitment to community input and collaboration deeply guided the creation of the strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board also committed \$100 million in one-time funding on top of \$50 million in existing funding to implement the 47 strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, immediately after, the Board began exploring options to increase revenues dedicated specifically to address the homeless crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, after numerous failed efforts to gain support in Sacramento, the Board considered placing either a \$.03 per square foot of improvements parcel tax, a transactions and use (sales) tax, a special tax on marijuana businesses or a general tax on marijuana businesses, on the November ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 12, 2016, the Board adopted a resolution to place a special tax on gross receipts from marijuana businesses, entitled the "Homelessness Response Measure," on the November 2016 ballot ("July 12, 2016 Resolution"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board shares a deep commitment to finding solutions, including a revenue source to continue and sustain the Homeless Initiative; however, since voting to place the business tax on the ballot, several homeless service organizations and advocacy groups have expressed ambivalence with this source of funding; and

**WHEREAS**, since no ballot measure succeeds without a united effort, the Board has listened closely to this expression of public concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the November ballot also contains seventeen State propositions and multiple local initiatives, which could jeopardize this important measure; and

**WHEREAS**, the County remains committed to identifying revenue sources that will allow us to continue and sustain the County's Homeless Initiative in the years to come; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the above, the Board now desires to rescind and withdraw the July 12, 2016 Resolution calling and ordering the special tax election for the Homelessness Response Measure on November 8, 2016, in order to cancel that special tax election.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as follows:

**Section 1. Rescission of Prior Resolution.** Pursuant to Elections Code section 9605, the Board hereby rescinds and withdraws the July 12, 2016 Resolution in its entirety.

**Section 2. Cancellation of Special Tax Election.** The special tax election which was called for November 8, 2016, pursuant to the July 12, 2016 Resolution shall be, and is hereby, cancelled.

**Section 3. Delivery of this Resolution.** The Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is ordered to file a copy of this Resolution with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at least eighty-three (83) days prior to the day of the election. The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to prepare any documents and take any additional actions that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully cancel the special tax election.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect on and after its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



LORI GLASGOW, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By: Lachelle Smithman  
DEPUTY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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